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1. SUMMARY: URUGUAYAN ADVANCE DELEGATION TO MEXICO MFM WILL DEPART FEBRUARY 9. DELEGATION HOPES THAT MEETING WILL BE INFORMAL AND INCLUDE THOROUGH DISCUSSION OF KEY INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION THEME. END SUMMARY.

2. URUGUAYAN DELEGATION TO MEXICO MEETING OF FONMINS WILL BE HEADED BY FONMIN JUAN CARLOS BLANCO AND WILL INCLUDE URUGUAYAN AMBASSADOR TO THE OAS MATEO MARQUES SERE; URUGUAYAN AMBASSADOR TO MEXICO JUAN BAUTISTA OCHOTECO; DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF FONMIN DEPARTMENT OF FOREIGN POLICY DR. ALVARO ALVAREZ; FONMIN'S LEGAL-COMMERCIAL ADVISER DR. JOSE MARIA ARANEO; AND FIRST SECRETARY OF URUGUAYAN EMBASSY IN MEXICO SRA. MARTHA FERNANDEZ BERNADA. MARQUES SERE, ALVAREZ AND ARANEO, ALL WITH LONG EXPERIENCE IN OAS MATTERS AND WELL KNOWN TO WASHINGTON PARTICIPANTS, WILL  
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DEPART FOR MEXICO CITY ON FEBRUARY 9 TO PARTICIPATE IN THE PRE-

LIMINARY EXPERTS MEETING. FONMIN BLANCO NOW SCHEDULED TO DEPART FEBRUARY 16 FOR MEXICO.

3. ARAMEO, IN CONVERSATION WITH EMBOFF FEBRUARY 7, REITERATED COMMENT MADE BY FONMIN BLANCO (REFTEL) THAT MAJOR URUGUAYAN CONCERN WILL BE INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC COOPERATION. URUGUAYANS CONSIDER IT UNREALISTIC TO EXPECT SECRETARY KISSINGER TO OFFER SPECIFIC, CONCRETE U.S. PROGRAM FOR COOPERATION. THEY DO HOPE, HOWEVER, THAT SECRETARY, WHO THEY VIEW AS ENJOYING IMMENSE PRESTIGE WHICH PROVIDES HIM EXCEPTIONAL ABILITY TO EFFECT U.S. POLICIES FAVORABLE TO THE GOALS DESIRED BY LATIN AMERICA, WILL SHOW FAVORABLE "DISPOSITION" TOWARD BOGOTA DECLARATIONS. ARAMEO NOTED THAT GOU WILL BE LISTENING WITH KEEN INTEREST TO SECRETARY TO DETERMINE IF U.S. IS INTERESTED "IN MAINTAINING A SERIOUS INTERAMERICAN SYSTEM."

4. ARAMEO STATED THAT HE MEANT BY ECONOMIC COOPERATION THE WHOLE RANGE OF TECHNICAL, COMMERCIAL, DEVELOPMENTAL AND FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE DESCRIBED IN THE BOGOTA DOCUMENTS. ALL ARE IMPORTANT FOR URUGUAY ALTHOUGH A PROGRAM OF FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE TO ASSIST IN OFFSETTING SKYROCKETING FUEL COSTS AND TO UNDERWRITE DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMS IS OF PARTICULAR INTEREST TO URUGUAY. ARAMEO ALSO MADE SPECIAL REFERENCE TO THE NEED FOR THE U.S. TO EARLY IMPLEMENT THE LONG PROMISED GENERAL SYSTEM OF PREFERENCES ON TRADE.

5. ARAMEO NOTED THAT WHILE THE FOCUS OF ATTENTION IN MEXICO WOULD BE ON THE UNITED STATES, URUGUAY CONTEMPLATES ANY PROGRAM OF ASSISTANCE AS INVOLVING ALL COUNTRIES, EACH CONTRIBUTING ACCORDING TO THEIR ECONOMIC CAPACITY. AS SUCH, URUGUAY IS EQUALLY INTERESTED IN THE COMMITMENT OF OTHER DEVELOPED COUNTRIES TO CONTRIBUTE TO THE ECONOMIC GROWTH OF LATIN AMERICA AS WELL AS THE ASSISTANCE OF THE WEALTHIER, STRONGER LATIN AMERICAN COUNTRIES TOWARD THEIR NEIGHBORS.

6. ARAMEO REITERATED URUGUAYAN DESIRE THAT MEXICO FONMINS MEETING BE "INFORMAL, CANDID, AND COMPREHENSIVE," THE LATTER A REFERENCE TO HOPE THAT ALL POINTS RAISED IN THE BOGOTA DOCUMENTS WILL BE DISCUSSED IN SOME DEPTH.

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7. ARAMEO ALSO RAISED QUESTION OF RUMORED CHANGE IN USG POLICY TOWARD CUBA. EMBOFF CATEGORICALLY STATED THAT U.S. POLICY TOWARD CUBA HAS NOT CHANGED. ARAMEO EXPRESSED RELIEF OVER THIS ASSURANCE NOTING THAT HIS MAJOR CONCERN WAS THAT THE U.S. ADVISE ITS LATIN FRIENDS IN ADVANCE OF ANY CHANGE.  
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